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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF TURKISH EMBASSY IN CUBA

REF: A) HAVANA 594, B) ANKARA 1709, C) ANKARA 1749

1. MFA WESTERN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AYDIN YEGEN HAS CONFIRMED
TO EMBOFF THAT NEWS REPORTS OF GOT INTENTION TO OPEN AN
EMBASSY INHAVANA AREACCURATE. TIMING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE EMBASSY IS NOT YET SET AND WILL DEPEND ON BUDGETRY
CONSIDERATIONS. YEGEN NOTED THAT KUWAIT AND THE UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES ARE AT THE TOP OF THE LIST OF NEW MISSIONS WHICH
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MAY BE OPENED THIS YEAR, AND HE ADDED THAT HE DOES NOT
BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT THE HAVANA EMBASSY WILL BE
ESTABLISHED BEFORE 1979.

2. YEGEN INDICATED THAT ONE REASON FOR THE DECISION TO
REVITALIZE TURKISH-CUBAN RELATIONS IS A GOT DESIRE TO
EXPAND ITS CONTACTS IN THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA.

CURRENTLY, THE TURKISH AMBASSADORS IN CARACAS AND MEXICO CITY ARE EACH ACCREDITED TO EIGHT COUNTRIES, A SITUATION WHICH IS NOT HEALTHY FOR TURKEY'S INTERESTS, HE SAID.

3. ASKED IF TURKEY EXPECTS TO GAIN ANY ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE FROM ITS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBA, YEGEN RESPONDED THAT HE COULD SEE NONE. INSTEAD, THE GOT DECISION IS POLITICAL AND AIMED AT BROADENING TURKEY'S RELATIONS THROUGHTOUT THE WORLD.
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